

**In the Specification**

The paragraph beginning on page 19 and ending on page 20, is hereby amended by inserting the phrase "at least partially" between the words "between" and "abutted" on line 6 of page 20 such that the paragraph recites as follows:

Referring to Figure 4, terminal pins 38 and 40 are attached to ends 34 and 36 of the screen 33 and are aligned with the center of coupler 22, equidistant from sides 35 and 37, when screen 33 is wrapped around coupler 22. Terminal pins 38 and 40 are positioned in this fashion to protrude between the at least partially abutted end walls 18 of pipes 10 to allow electrical connection of screen 33 in channel 20 to an external power source (not shown).

**In the Claims**

The claims of the application are hereby amended as indicated in the following clean version of the amended claims:

1. (Amended) A joint comprising:

a pair of thermoplastic pipes, each of the pipes having an end margin terminating at a pipe end, the end margin of each of the pipes having radially spaced annular first and second walls separated by a void, the first wall of each of the pipes being one of inner and outer walls, the second wall of each of the pipes being the other of the inner and outer walls, the first wall of each of the pipes having a surface that has a diameter; and

an annular coupler having axially opposite end portions, one of the axial end portions of the coupler being positioned between the inner and outer walls of one of the pipes and the other of the axial end portions of the coupler being positioned between the inner and outer walls of the

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